

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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For: WASTE INCINERATION DISPOSAL METHOD

FIRST PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Prior to the calculation of the Filing Fee, please amend
the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Claim 4, line 2, change "1 to 3" to -- 1 or 2 --.
Claim 5, line 2, change "1 to 4" to -- 1 or 2 --.
Claim 6, line 2, change "1 to 5" to -- 1 or 2 --.
Claim 8, line 2, change "1 to 7, to -- 1, 2 or 7 --.
Claim 9, line 2, change "1 to 8" to -- 1, 2 or 7 --.

REMARKS

The amendments eliminate improper multiple-dependent
claims.

Respectfully submitted,



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